

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn) A cross joint comprising:
yokes each formed with a bearing hole; and
a spider shaft rotatably fitted into said bearing hole through a rolling bearing,
wherein said spider shaft is formed with a contact portion with said rolling bearing, said contact portion having its outside diameter larger than an outside diameter of said spider shaft.
2. (withdrawn) A cross joint according to claim 1, wherein an end central portion of said contact portion is formed with a bottomed hole.
3. (withdrawn) A cross joint according to claim 1, wherein an extreme-pressure additive is added to a lubricating agent filling an interior of said needle bearing.
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (withdrawn) A cross joint according to claim 2, wherein an extreme-pressure additive is added to a lubricating agent filling an interior of said needle bearing.
7. (canceled)

8. (new) A cross joint adapted to be used in a steering apparatus, comprising:
- a yoke formed with a bearing hole;
 - a needle bearing positioned in said bearing hole, said needle bearing including a bearing cup and rollers provided therein; and
 - a spider shaft, an end portion of which is fitted in the bearing hole through said needle bearing;
- wherein said rollers provided in said needle bearing are interference-fitted on an end periphery of said end portion of said spider shaft extending through said rollers; and
- wherein said rollers are so constructed and arranged so as to be movable by 0.6 mm or greater in an axial direction.
9. (new) A cross joint according to claim 8, wherein a lubricating agent fills said needle bearing, and an extreme-pressure additive is added to said lubricating agent.
10. (new) A cross joint according to claim 8, wherein each end portion of said spider shaft fitted in said bearing hole is formed with a bottomed hole.

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